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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Environment Department

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NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS the stretch from Birampur to Baguran Jalpai in Majilapur Gram Panchayat of Contai I Block, Purba Medinipur District measuring nearly 7.3 km in length is an intertidal zone (from low tide mark upto high tide mark during spring tide) providing habitat for of Red Crabs (*Ocypod macrocera*), Dotilla Crab (*Dotilla myctiroides*), Fiddler Crab (*Uca lactea*) and many littoral fauna. The dunes and coastal scrubs at the supra littoral region of the said stretch also provides the habitats of many wild scheduled animals under Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (as amended up to date) such as Monitor Lizard (*Varanus* sp.), Mongoose (*Herpestes* sp.), Golden Jackle (*Canis aureus*), Jungle Cat (*Felis chaus*). The habitat of Red Crab associated with other littoral faunal components is very significant for coastal resilience through stabilizing the sandy beach. Moreover, the dunes and coastal scrubs have the immense role for nurturing many wild animals.

AND WHEREAS to strengthen the biodiversity conservation and to stem the habitat degradation in the inter-tidal coastal stretch from Birampur to Baguran Jalpai, the State Government upon recommendation of the West Bengal Biodiversity Board has felt it necessary to declare the area of the inter-tidal coastal stretch from Birampur to Baguran Jalpai as Biodiversity Heritage Site.

AND WHEREAS the collection of species of plants, animals and microbes from the inter-tidal coastal stretch from Birampur to Baguran Jalpai requires to be regulated as per the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and West Bengal Biological Diversity Rules, 2005.

AND WHEREAS no-objection regarding declaration of the inter-tidal coastal stretch from Birampur to Baguran Jalpai as Biodiversity Heritage Site has been issued by the office of the District Magistrate of Purba Medinipur District.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub section (1) of section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and sub-rule (2) of rule 20 of the West Bengal Biological Diversity Rules, 2005, the Governor is hereby

pleased to declare the inter-tidal coastal stretch from Birampur to Baguran Jalpai as Birampur - Baguran Jalpai Biodiversity Heritage Site.

The details of the inter-tidal coastal stretch of Birampur - Baguran Jalpai Biodiversity Heritage Site is given below :-

BIRAMPUR - BAGURAN JALPAI BIODIVERSITY HERITAGE SITE

The Area covered :

Mouza & JL No. : Baguran Jalpai JL-563, Saratpur JL-567, Mankaraiput JL-569, Shyamraibarh Jalpai JL-570, Birampur JL-583, Land Class : Balu, Jhaubon, Gram Panchayat : Majilapur, Block : Contai I, District : Purba Medinipur, End to end length of inter-tidal coastal stretch : nearly 7.3 km

Point GPS co-ordinates of two ends of the inter-tidal coastal stretch :

Baguran Jalpai: 21.6960°, 87.7615°

Birampur: 21.7149°, 87.8237°

Management of the BHS shall be done by a Birampur - Baguran Jalpai Biodiversity Heritage Site Management Committee constituted by District Magistrate, Purba Medinipur involving Contai I Block Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC), Purba Medinipur District Level BMC, Department of Forests, Fisheries Department, Land and Land Reforms Department, Irrigation and Waterways Department, experts in the relevant field, other stakeholders, along with representatives from West Bengal Biodiversity Board, with overall supervision of the District Administration.

This notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in The Kolkata Gazette.

By order of the Governor,

ROSHNI SEN Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal